

70-80% of newspaper circulation in this country is now controlled by a handful of large, mostly public chains. Similar trends have occurred in the broadcast industry.

If huge media conglomerates continue to swallow up independent newspapers and broadcast outlets, the quality of news and information will be destroyed and America's newsrooms will be transformed from society's watchdogs into corporate lapdogs. June 2 is too soon for a ruling. We need more time, more disclosure, and more public process. Keep the media free!